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UNITED KINGDOM S ASSISTANCE TO INDIA
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the United Kingdom has expressed its willingness to help the Indian States;

(b) if so, whether any agreements have been reached between India and UK in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the assistance that the UK has agreed to provide to Indian States;

(e) the details of the projects which are to be undertaken and the States where these projects are to be established; and

(f) the extent to which it will improve the condition of Indian State?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance (Shri Balasaheb Vikhe Patil)

(a),(b),(c),(d), (e), and (f): United Kingdom`s assistance to India comes in the form ofgrant to fund projects in various sectors such as Education, Slum Improvement, Health and Family Welfare, Coal, Power, Forestry and Renewable Natural ResourcesThese projects strengthen the economy, this grant is extended through Department for International Development (DFID) of theUK Govt.The priority states of DFID are West Bengal, Orissa, Karnataka and Andhra PradeshDuring the current fiscal year the receipt of UK grant has been to the tune of Pound Sterling 77.776 million (upto 28-2-2001).As per established procedure the foreign grant is received by GOI and then passed on to the concerned State Governments, through the route of Additional Central Assistance (ACA).